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Two Interested Groups at the Ohio Missionary Conference, 1918

The Mission Study Classes at Mt. Gretna

The Mount Gretna Conference is the parent conference of all the summer missionary conferences of the Reformed Church. The first one was held there in 1910 and one has been held each year since then, all with the primary purpose of studying missions and making the missionary leaders of our congregations familiar with the educational programs for missionary work during the following year.

There was keen interest in the Mission Study work at Mount Gretna this year. There were few, if any, delegates straying about the grounds while the classes were in session.

Rev. Carl D. Kriete, who has just returned from Japan, led the class on Foreign Missions, and he had with him each day an earnest group, many of whom are yet young enough to give their lives to the service on the foreign field. Dr. E. E. Kresge, of Allentown, led the class which studied Home Missions. This was a little larger than any other of the five classes.

Women, nearly all of them active in the women's missionary societies of their congregations and Classes, with Mrs. H. N. Bassler, of Harrisburg, studied the two books to be used by the women this year. Those in the young people's group seemed quite serious while they were discussing their life problems with Mr. Purd E. Deitz, of York. Not a member of this class was absent from a single session. Miss Tawilla Oswald, of Freeland, had a group of children which grew larger each day and was by far the largest children's group at any of the nine conferences held at Mount Gretna.

Judging from the number of those who discussed Mission Study principles and methods with Dr. William E. Lampe on the last two days of the conference, there will be an unusually large number of Mission Study classes during the coming year in those congregations and communities which sent delegates to the Mount Gretna Conference.



Delegates at Ninth Annual Mt. Gretna Missionary Conference

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The Quiet Hour



For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, and it will not delay.
—Hab. 2: 3.

We must carry about with us the atmosphere of Heaven, if we are to escape defilement from the atmosphere of earth.

—J. H. JOWETT.

Is the world better or worse where I tread?
What have I done in the years that are dead?
What have I left in the way as I passed—
Foibles to perish, or blessings to last?

—WINIFRED KIRKLAND.

Love is life, and they who do not love are not alive. But every soul that loves, lives in the heart of God and hears Him speak.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

Constant joy is the commanded duty as well as the promised privilege of a child of God, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

—R. A. TORREY.

The interworking of the plans of God with the plans of men suggests the only true method of happy as well as holy living. It is to make our plans one with God's plans.

—AUSTIN PHELPS.

This is an imperial era in the history of the world. All doors of opportunity are wide open. Christ calls for high-souled men and women who will go with Him, not in the ignoble spirit of grudging service, but in the joyous spirit of full surrender.

—ARTHUR J. BROWN.

Life is knowing the will of God by proving it. It is daring to forget the transient, to scorn the passing, to "launch out into the deep," and to find in our obedience to God, all its meanings, reward, and the hope to which we shall come transformed.

—G. GLENN ATKINS.

The more the loss of loved ones makes the world of to-day turn wistfully toward human survival, the more shall its mere possibility inspire our endeavor to bring all earth achievement into better connection with eternity.

—WINIFRED KIRKLAND.

All things have to be done, but they can only be done through Christ that strengtheneth us. It is so great, so entirely beyond us, that here, as always, it is just in facing facts that seem to be the hardest that we find the secret of success.

—F. C. N. HICKS.

The Christian cheats his own soul out of happiness and growth by sinning. Sin dwarfs and stunts every godlike trait in our natures. Christian life is a development, an evolution, but sin arrests this development. It brings about spiritual disfigurement. It makes a cripple out of God's child.

—JAMES I. VANCE.

The true missionary cares little for what the ranks of the evil one think, or what they say of him, so long as he can look up into the face of the Lord Eternal, and hear His voice and see His smile.

—C. B. KEENLEYSIDE.

We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time,

In an age on ages telling: To be living is sublime.

Oh! let all the soul within you for the truth's sake go abroad.

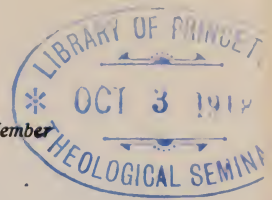
Strike! let every nerve and sinew tell on ages, tell for God.

—BISHOP COX.

The Prayer.

OUR Heavenly Father, Whose life is within us and Whose love is ever about us, make Thy life manifest in our lives this day, as with gladness of heart, without haste or confusion of thought, we go about our daily tasks, conscious of ability to meet every rightful demand, seeing the larger meaning of little things, and finding beauty everywhere.
Amen.

—ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND.



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To William and Charles "With the Colors."

(A Dedication by Father and Mother.)

'Tis well you heed the world's far cries,
We would not have it otherwise,
Your choice we choose.
With you we fight for ravished lands,
Uphold the Right and set our hands
When hell's let loose.

Our altar steps on bleeding knees
We climb, and pray that God may ease
Somehow your load.
In love we go your heavy way
And trace your footsteps all the day
On blood-stained road.

For noble work raised we our boys,
And when the world woes fix your choice
We do not shrink.
We will to suffer, do and dare;
We will to win, and for our share
Our cup we drink.

Far better go and never come back
Than not to go at all or lack
The fire of youth.
In freedom must we live, or die,
In manhood fight the great world lie,
And win for truth.

The race-life be your nobler rage,
To fix the Right for age on age,—
The End we see.
Democracy for all the world!
A universal flag unfurled!
A world set free!

WILLIAM EDWIN HOY.

*Lakeside Schools, Yochow City, Hunan,
China, Decoration Day, May 30, 1918.*

"What Thou shalt to-day provide
Let me as a child receive,—
What to-morrow shall betide
Calmly to Thy wisdom leave.
'Tis enough that Thou wilt care;
Why should I the burden bear?"

Summer Conferences.

IT was the privilege and pleasure of the General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions to attend six of the eight Missionary Conferences that were held in various sections of the Church this Summer. At every one of them the interest and enthusiasm in the work of Missions were pronounced and prominent. The delegates had come with the purpose of attending strictly to the business in hand and therefore more thorough-going and effective work was done than would otherwise have been the case. The conferences were largely attended. Many new faces appeared among the delegates. As a general thing the membership of the Conferences was composed principally of young people. It is encouraging to see that a new and exceedingly promising generation is being trained up for Church leadership. It was noticeable, however, that the number of young men in attendance was considerably smaller than in previous years. This is due not to any lack of interest on their part but to the fact that many of them have gone into the service of the Government or are so tied down to their respective work that attendance upon the Conferences, involving a week's absence from work, was impossible, or at least impracticable.

A notable exception to this was seen at the Conference held at the Mission House in Wisconsin. This proved to be the banner conference this year in point of attendance as well as in interest and enthusiasm shown. The record showed an enrollment of over 200 delegates. Never was a finer lot of Reformed young people gathered together for Mission Study than daily assembled under the tent on the campus of the Mission House. The enrollment far exceeded expectations, and the spacious and comfortable quarters in the new dormitory were not adequate to house the delegates. Professors and members of Immanuel Church threw open their homes and entertained as many as half a dozen delegates at one time. One delegation of ten lodged in one room for one night to accommodate some who unexpectedly arrived towards the close of the Conference.

Five of these Conferences were held at our

educational institutions. With several of them this was an experiment, but the arrangement was so satisfactory all around that hereafter they will surely return if circumstances make it possible. In North Carolina at Catawba College the Conference was the first one to be held in that part of the Church. It was a pronounced success and the spirit ran high.

The general theme was "The Gospel and the World Workers." This proved to be a very interesting and helpful topic for both the Home and Foreign Mission Study Classes. The devotional as well as the platform meetings were in general harmony with this outstanding theme. The institute hours were devoted to the consideration of practical methods and suggestions whereby the Church may function along the lines of applied and efficient Christianity.

At every one of the Conferences the influence of the War upon the work of Missions and the new opportunity that comes to the Church through this world crisis were brought out with peculiar emphasis and feeling. There was less said about money and more about men and the means of using money for social and economic spiritual ends. It was brought out again and again that we have come to the cross-roads of history and the Church of Christ must point the way in which the nations of the world must go.

Altogether these Conferences were of a very high order and doubtless great and lasting good will result to the Kingdom by reason of these young people having girded themselves for an aggressive drive in world conquest for Christ.

C. E. S.

The North Carolina Conference.

REV. L. A. PEELER.

THE first Summer Missionary Conference of the North Carolina Classis was held at Catawba College, Newton, N. C., July 18-23. The conference was pronounced a great success by all who attended. Some of us had prayed that we might have at least fifty registered delegates at the conference. There were ninety-four who registered for all or a part of the conference and a number of others from a distance attended as much as one day's sessions who did not register.

The entire conference was a mountain-top experience of fellowship, devotion, enthusiasm and information. Every speaker, leader and delegate came with a great desire for a blessing and with a determination to do their part to make the conference a success.

All who attended the conference from North Carolina deserve commendation for the part they contributed to the program and the fine spirit manifested throughout the conference. The music was especially inspiring, under the leadership of Rev. H. A. Welker. We wish,

however, to make special mention of the efforts of our visitors from without the State. Dr. J. I. Good was present two days and nights. He gave us two fine illustrated lectures, one on China and the other on the Reformation. The one on China was fine, but in the Reformation lecture the audience realized that it was getting a historic gem such as none other could give. He also gave us a most devotional exposition of a passage of Scripture at one of the Bible Hours. The influence of his great personality was felt throughout the entire conference.

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer gave four stirring messages during the conference. One was at the Bible Hour. He spoke Saturday night, at which time he gave us an acrostic on Home Missions that will be easily remembered and applied to Christian service. Sunday was the "high day" of the conference. A model Sunday School was conducted at 9.30 A. M. At 7.30 P. M., a Young People's Rally was held. At 11, Dr. Schaeffer preached the conference sermon, using as his theme, "A New Democracy." At 8.30 P. M., he addressed a great mass meeting on the subject, "The Next Adventure for God." Dr. Schaeffer is one of the most inspiring preachers of the Reformed Church and few better than he in America.

Mr. J. S. Wise was with us during the entire conference. He conducted the Mission Study class on Home Missions and spoke at one of the platform meetings. His services were most efficient and were greatly appreciated. His fine genial spirit radiated sunshine over the entire conference.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Rupp were also with us for the entire time. No one could have done their work better than they. Mrs. Rupp taught the Foreign Mission class. Her recent visit to the Orient greatly supplemented Dr. Noss' book, "Tohoku." Mr. Rupp conducted the Institute Hour each day. It is no easy task to make that hour interesting, but Brother Rupp filled it so full of interesting data that all were sorry when the hours were over.

We believe this section of the Church will rally to larger things for having had this conference. It was decided to make the conference a permanent affair. The following committee was elected as a permanent committee: L. A. Peeler, chairman; A. A. Blackwelder, Mrs. C. C. Bost, Rev. H. A. Welker, Mrs. G. T. Crowell, Mrs. J. T. Plott and J. T. Hedrick.

The committee wishes to express its thanks to the Boards of the Church for the fine leaders they sent us. The conference was a success financially. All bills are paid and a nice sum was turned over to Catawba College for the use of the buildings.

Newton, N. C.

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The Enriching Influence of the Conference.

MRS. AGNES CORT DUTROW.

THE feeling of many of the delegates who came to the Frederick Missionary Conference was expressed by a member of our Church from Kansas who had attended the Chambersburg interdenominational conference and was then spending several days at Hood College. She said: "I just had to attend these conferences, when they again elected me President of our Synodical Society, for I couldn't give any more without getting." They came with the desire to fit themselves for better service in the Kingdom, to gain knowledge and inspiration, without which no one can qualify as a leader.

And what a wealth of spiritual and intellectual riches we found! It is impossible to tell which period of the day was the most helpful. The hours of Bible Study, under Dr. Bartholomew, who could ever forget them, with the wonderful talks on the theme for the coming year's work, "Christianity and the World's Workers"? Then the Mission Study classes, where we could have spent two hours instead of one with much profit. All the delegates, no matter in which one of the five classes they enrolled, were greatly interested and very enthusiastic over their particular study. And no wonder, for all the subjects presented were of such vital interest and each leader so thoroughly inspired with his or her subject. We learned of the vast opportunities for service, which the Church of Christ has to-day among the "World's Workers" both at home and in foreign lands.

During the half hour conference with our missionaries each day we were told of the conditions and work of our own Church in Japan and China and the great need for more workers and funds.

Then just at the right time came a most helpful period of inspiration and study of methods, so ably conducted by Mrs. Evemeyer. Here we were shown how and where we could get "tools for the task" of arousing a desire for service among our members at home.

The Normal Mission Study Class, taught by Mr. Poorman, was also a great help to the many delegates who attended for the two days it was conducted. Space will not permit me to write what I would like of the beautiful talks given by Dr. Omwake at the Vesper Services, nor the splendid addresses of Dr. Moore at his farewell service and Dr. Schaeffer on "The Next Adventure for God," nor of the happy messages brought to us from Japan by Dr. and Mrs. Demura. I feel sure that everyone returned home with their lives greatly enriched and inspired to better service and deeper love for our Master.

Frederick, Md.

The Devotional Hour at Tiffin.

REV. A. KRAMPE.

THE Devotional Bible Study, in charge of Prof. Frank Grether, D. D., was one of the notable features of the Ohio Missionary Conference. Those who know the genial Professor will understand that the Bible Hour was a pleasant as well as profitable one. The avowed purpose was to show how to study the Bible with profit. Dr. Grether showed from the Gospel of Mark what a busy worker the Master was, taking by way of illustration two days out of the ministry of the Lord, one near the beginning, the other toward the end of His public career. The Professor succeeded admirably and no doubt many of the delegates determined then and there to follow the example of the Master a little more closely, to work while it is day and redeem the time.

The fine illustrations which Dr. Grether gave from his vast storehouse and rich experience as a teacher and minister clinched the truth which he desired to bring out in his meditations. In his own inimitable way he brought out the deep spiritual truths in the passages under consideration.

The fact that the attendance increased from day to day so that on the last two days many were standing proves that this Devotional Bible Study was appreciated and enjoyed.

Some would no doubt conduct Bible Study in another way, but as the Professor aptly said: "We are not all born alike; some of us are born straight and others crooked, and I am one of the latter class." But we well remember of being told at school more than once: "The curved line is the line of beauty," and very many of the delegates saw the beauty in these devotional studies and said on Saturday to the Rev. Prof. Dr. Grether, "Au revoir in 1919."

Cleveland, O.

How a Layman Views the Conference.

JOHN B. MOHLER.

IT is my purpose to set forth briefly and definitely the leading impressions made upon me, from the viewpoint of a layman, during the Missionary Conference held at Tiffin, Ohio, July 22 to 29. These observations are confined only to this particular conference.

The conference was well attended by pastors and members of the Women's Missionary Societies, but the absence of laymen made a prominent and painful impression. Surely men should take a leading part in missionary work. Particularly in financing the work they could help wonderfully. What is the cause of this lack of interest and attendance? Who is responsible? We do not wish to shift responsibilities, but Pastors, Superintendents and Teach-

ers, think this through carefully and prayerfully.

Another outstanding observation is the fact that so much of the work that is being done at home and abroad is being done by groups closely related or allied. For example, a Doctor of Medicine who received the call to the ministry obeyed the call, and whose example was followed by his six sons and up to this time by two grandsons. That surely is fine.

But why are these groups doing so much and we laymen so little? Women, we take off our hats in recognition of the noble part you are doing in this work, but wouldn't you like to see some of us laymen who are only learning our A. B. C's in missions, come in and help? If you would, just give your ministers a gentle hint to fire some red hot missionary sermons at us once in a while and not to make the while too long.

Now, I am in the same predicament that Professor Grether used to find himself in during the conference,—my space is all taken and I have not begun to say what I wanted to say, but the Conference was GREAT.

North Canton, O.

The Sunset Service.

MISS ADA KLOPFENSTEIN.

AT the close of a day full of instruction and inspiration, there could have been no better close than the sunset service. For a meeting place we used "God's first temple," with its dome of blue lit by the descending rays of the sun, and its pillars, the beautiful trees of Heidelberg campus.

Amid the songs of birds and the peaceful quiet of the evening hours, we were guided by the most excellent leadership of Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer to His Word for a more complete understanding that our minds might be refreshed as were our bodies during the rest and recreation of the afternoon. With the rush of exacting duties of this work-a-day world, we all should set aside more time for study of God's Word and communion with Him, that we be more fit to help in making earth a better place to live in.

Many greatly enjoyed the privilege of social intercourse made possible by the intermission between the sunset service and evening program; friendships were renewed and acquaintances made with profit for all.

With the splendid reports from the fields of labor, a better understanding of the value of consecration and prayer, and the inspiration of the conference, we begin to see the fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah when he said: "Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for the Lord shall be the everlasting light and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."

Paris, O.

The Spirit of Ridgeview.

PROF. GEORGE ROBB.

THE Ridgeview Missionary Conference was held from August 5th to 11th, inclusive. Although the weather was oppressive, nevertheless the spirit was one hundred per cent. Possibly no more serious minded body of men and women in our Church ever assembled and had come for a more definite purpose and serious thought than the 136 delegates at Ridgeview. The fellowship was fine. The delegates were an intelligent body of young people. The Mission Study Classes were very well attended and many warm discussions prevailed. The classes in Methods were exceedingly interesting and helpful. Dr. Herman's Bible Study on the Beatitudes was a new revelation to many of us. The dominant note of the Conference was Social Service and the Missionary Propaganda. Dr. Bartholomew's sermon on Sunday morning was mighty fine and inspiring. The good fellowship and democratic spirit was especially noticeable. The Executive Committee deserves congratulations for the splendid program that was carried out in full. Pittsburgh Synod and Juniata Classis were well represented. It was the universal opinion of all the delegates that this was the best conference they ever attended.

Altoona, Pa.

Transporting Our Troops.

The world has been astonished at the great number of American soldiers transported to Europe in the last half year. The number now approximates 1,500,000, and the loss of life in transporting them has been almost infinitesimal.

The success with which we have moved our troops from the scattered camps in this country and across 3,000 miles of ocean to the battle front is great evidence of American efficiency. We have not only surprised our enemies; we have surprised our friends and ourselves.

The British controller of shipping, Sir Joseph Maclay, speaks of this movement across the sea as "A transport miracle." We have been inclined to attribute this achievement solely to our Navy and our shipping, but the British controller speaks in high praise of the share the American railroads had in the work. He says:

"If the American railroads had not been operated with success the whole transport movement might have failed, because it was essential to quick transportation that the troops should be ready for the ships."

Director General McAdoo seems justified in his statement that while the development of the policy of the Railroad Administration requires time, progress has been made toward the goal.

The Spirit of the Mt. Gretna Conference.

ANOTHER Missionary Conference at Mt. Gretna is a thing of history. The fruits which this Conference will produce time alone can tell. It was one of the best Conferences ever held at Mt. Gretna. In point of numbers we had one or two larger ones, but seldom was the spirit of the Conference better. Each delegate came to work. All the delegates were enrolled in the different Mission Study Classes. Many of the classes had a hundred per cent. in their attendance during the week.

From the opening service on Saturday evening till the close of the Conference there was hardly a dull moment. All in attendance entered most heartily into the spirit, life and work of the Conference. As one watched the work of the Conference he was impressed with the fact that the Christian religion is not simply a faith but a life lived amongst one's fellowmen, that it is a life of joy and happiness. There was manifest that eagerness on the part of the delegates to interpret this life to others so that the kingdom of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

The Bible Study, in charge of Dr. Alspach, put everybody in the proper spirit for the work of the day. After Bible Study everybody went to his Mission Study Class with that spirit of devotion which is a part of the missionary spirit.

The inspirational addresses by Drs. Leinbach, Creitz and Richards, on the subjects of Co-operation, Stewardship and Consecration, were of a high order. One is seldom privileged to hear anything better upon such themes.

The Mt. Gretna Conference had a new feature on its program, viz., visitors' day, on Thursday. On Thursday afternoon there was a popular meeting addressed by Dr. Richards on "The Supreme Issue," or "What to Do with the Victory." This was indeed a very timely message. In this address first things were placed first. A great responsibility rests upon this nation of ours at the present time, and especially so when the war is over.

The sunset service, in charge of Rev. J. Rauch Stein, on the steps of the Hall of Philosophy, were very helpful to all.

The platform meetings in the evening were very inspiring and were largely attended by the cottagers of Mt. Gretna.

It was indeed a great joy and a high privilege to be permitted to preside over such a Conference, and as the chairman of the Conference I desire to thank all for their most hearty co-operation. May the spirit manifested at Mt. Gretna be manifested by the entire Church, so that the Kingdom of God may be speedily established in all the nations of the world.

WM. F. DELONG, *Chairman.*

Annville, Pa.

The Devotions at Mt. Gretna.

PURD E. DEITZ.

The regular daily Bible Study and Sunset Service meetings at the Mt. Gretna Conference were well planned, well conducted, well attended, and well worth while. Rev. Charles B. Alspach, D. D., put a definite evangelistic note into his after-breakfast hour of earnest truth-testing. How our hearts burned within us as we brought to light one by one the collective and individual meanings of the great sentences of Paul in his first Epistle to the Thessalonians! Our study had an inspiring effect on the conference—Back to the Bible.

At the close of each day we refreshed our minds and hearts at the fountain of spiritual insight that Rev. J. Rauch Stein brought to us in a most delightful series of talks on meditation, prayer, family worship, and religious literature. He might well have termed the sequence, "How to Live." Undoubtedly there were some lives reconsecrated as we sat together in the evening. It was no mere sense of duty that drew us all to Bible Study and Sunset Service, so you will know the devotional side of the conference was well taken care of.

York, Pa.

Jottings Missionary Conferences.

Of the Collegeville Conference, Rev. Charles Peters, of Buffalo, writes: "Not only was the Conference work of a high order, but the informal fellowship and social features of the week were most profitable to me. I sincerely hope that we can get our young people, together with pastors of West New York Classis, to take part in such Conference work."

"The Indianapolis Conference was the best ever put over in this city by our denomination. We had splendid equipment and a paid registration of 263 members. The class studies were better attended than at any previous Conference. Rev. C. D. Kriete had the largest attendance in the study class this year. The evening inspirational addresses were well attended and we had a glorious closing meeting Sunday night, when Rev. C. D. Kriete delivered his address on 'Dividends.' The Conference will go over the top with over \$125.00 in the treasury to begin with next year. Plans for another Conference for next year are already under consideration."

W. H. KNIERIM.

The Bugle Call.

Hark, 'tis the bugle pealing in the morning!
Hark, 'tis the bugle when the day is gone!
It saith to those who march, all danger scorn-
ing:

"Unto the victory God speed thee on!"

—SENNETT STEPHENS.

Platform Meetings at the Frederick Conference.

REV. J. SOMMERLATTE.

OUR veteran worker in Japan opened the platform meetings. The keynote of his address was, "As Japan goes, so will the Orient go; therefore Japan should be a Christian nation." In referring to the Three-Religions Conference, which the Japanese Minister of Education called together five years ago, Dr. Moore called attention to the fact that it was the first time that Christianity had been officially recognized by the Japanese government. Heretofore educated Japanese considered religion to have no value for a modern progressive nation. Whereas the representatives of the Christian religion were complimented for the fine work the Church was doing in Japan, the representatives of the national religions (Shinto and Buddhism) were told that unless the priests mended their mode of living, they would accomplish nothing.

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer gave the conference a thrilling modern Home Missionary message. "In the days when our forefathers swarmed over the plains of the West, Home Mission work appealed to the heroic. Lately, however, the frontier has been strangely swinging back again. Home Missions in America means the Christianizing of America. This task of the Church is a big one. It is bigger than ringing church bells from the Atlantic to the Pacific." Alluding to the fact that the world war had relieved the industrial situation temporarily, Dr. Schaeffer said that the day of a righteous settlement had merely been postponed. "We put on our coins, 'In God We Trust,' but the spirit of God is not in our financial life. The Church to-day is in disrepute. We need more than church steeples to appeal to people. We need Christian life." The reference to the fact that the industrial and economic world is not governed by the spirit of Christ was particularly strong. "There is a woeful gap between the world of worship and the world of work. The Church attends to the one and its enemy attends to the other."

Trade must not be put above love nor selfishness above justice. "Our business interests are very pagan. If Christ cannot control the bread and butter side of a man's life, how much of his life will be Christian?" The labor question is as old as the world, and, like unto a prophet of old, Dr. Schaeffer pleads for the workers of to-day. "The God of the Bible has always been on the side of the working man. The heathen gods always sided with the aristocrats. The Church which Jesus founded desired right economic conditions. It was a Church of carpenters, tentmakers and fishermen, and the Church of to-day must appeal to the working man."

Dr. Bartholomew spoke on "China." "One-

fourth the area and one-fourth the population of the world is in China. Her new day has come; China is awake. Is the Church ready to mould the future character of the new China? Will the new China be a better China? It is the newest and largest republic of the world." Dr. Morrison went to China in 1807, fifty years later there were but fifty known Christians; to-day there are over 2,000,000 converts. The story of Ma Shen, an opium fiend, made a thrilling tale. Ma Shen was told by Missionary Reimert that there was no medical cure for him. By prayer and faith in Christ alone might he hope to conquer his evil habit. He followed the instructions of the missionary for weeks and was restored. To-day Ma Shen is one of the most earnest evangelists in our mission field.

May God richly bless the self-denying labors of our devoted Home and Foreign missionaries. May the Spirit of God use the summer conferences for mightily moving upon the heart of the Reformed Church in order that we may no longer play at our religious tasks, but make the supreme sacrifice of giving our whole life to the service of the Master. If, after the terrible catastrophe of the world war, we fall back into the old selfish ways and conditions, then the Spirit of God on its upward path will again break these conditions and we shall reap once more what we have sowed.

Baltimore, Md.

Young People's Hour at Mt. Gretna.

MISS FLORA A. ROEDER.

It was with pleasure and great profit that I attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Gretna. The conference on Y. W. M. A. work was full of information as to organization helps, program, motives, and incentives. Thirty young ladies attended. The leader, Miss Schoedler, who has strong love and great tact in dealing with young people, inspired us to do our utmost in our societies. We are to be beehives of industry. We feel more than ever before that the Church and the world needs us.

One aim is to gather the 80% of our young women, not associated with the work, and then we want to work together in faith, love and helpfulness, for Christ needs us in bringing the world unto Himself.

Our Watchword shall be unity, stability and loyalty, for the world needs Christ above all else.

We, the young people of this conference period, want to express our appreciation and thankfulness to all those who gave us this special consideration and help.

Allentown, Pa.

**Give Until It Hurts, Then You Will
Give and Forget the Hurt.**

Impressions of the Missionary Conference at Ridgeview Park, Pa.

MISS SARA ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN.

IT may be truly said of those who attended the fourth Missionary Conference held at Ridgeview Park, Pa., that they were upon the mountain tops getting a new vision of life and its duties in these days of stress and storm.

The Rev. Paul J. Dundore, of Latrobe, and the Rev. David Dunn, of Turtle Creek, chairman and secretary of the Committee of Arrangements, labored unceasingly for the success of the conference. Mrs. Dundore added much to the pleasure of the delegates by introducing new features in the program. The choral singers and the Missionary Clinic were especially enjoyable.

From every point of view, this conference may be said to be the best ever held at Ridgeview. The number enrolled was far larger than at any previous conference. The instruction in every department of missionary activity was uplifting, inspiring, thoroughly enriching. The classes were largely attended. Wonderful interest was displayed in the subjects discussed. And nowhere could a stronger spirit of brotherhood and comradeship be shown than was displayed at Ridgeview.

Each period of the day was a strong link in the week's chain of spiritual uplift. Dr. Herman, in the devotional hour, so permeated our minds with his treatment of the subject, "Christianity and the World's Workers," that the rest of our lives will be influenced by the truths he taught.

Throughout the Mission Study classes, the conferences with missionaries, the conferences on Methods, the addresses by Dr. C. R. Zahniser and Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, we were made to feel that a world crisis is calling every man, woman and child to lay his all on the altar of service. That we dare not forget, retrench, withdraw. That this war cannot end and an everlasting peace come to us until all the nations of the earth have been permeated by the Spirit of Jesus Christ. This is the work of the Christian Church. This is the Church's part in winning the war, and it dare not fail.

We must stand by our Church as never before. We must sacrifice for our Church as we have never sacrificed before. Our offerings must be tithes and not paltry pennies. The President of our country says: "Keep every spiritual organization at flood-tide or we'll lose our battle." The Church must go forward hand-in-hand with the State and the nation to the front line trench, there to hold her sector. From a work so great and glorious we dare not, we would not turn away. God gave to us His only beloved Son. Now that the nations of the earth may be saved, from us

must come the sacrifice. May the prayer of every Christian heart throughout the coming year be:

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Berlin, Pa.

Recreation at Frederick.

REV. W. S. KERSCHNER.

"'Tis true that time flies
When we're happy and gay,
While care will the weariest hours prolong."

Delegates at the Frederick Conference found no time for weary hours. Vieing with the delightful nooks and shades of the College campus, the beauties and historic traditions of the surrounding country appealed invitingly to the interest of autoists and hikers.

Now it was to gather on the picturesque summits of Braddock Heights, five miles away and revel in its scenery unsurpassed. From the observatory, the mind through the eye was given to understand how large the world really is. It required Demosthenean eloquence to convince one delegate that a dome-crested building twelve miles away was not the Capitol at Washington, and that a sheet of ethereal blue in a distant valley was not the Atlantic Ocean. There is nothing like the Frederick Conference to broaden the vision. Here also the delegates pastimed, gravitating and catapulting down the "slippery slide." Be it said to the eternal discredit of several Baltimoreans and Yorkers that they waited for their slide until the others had withdrawn. Returning, the hikers drank deep at the spring where long years ago General Braddock stopped on that memorable march Westward.

Again it was to make a pilgrimage to historic shrines in the city of Frederick under the personal conduct of Miss Duval. The site of the Barbara Frietchie home was visited, as was also the Abbott home, filled with relics recalling the stirring days of the Rebellion and the Revolution. In the adjoining cemetery the hikers stood reverently before the beautiful memorial placed for Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Here lie his remains.

The day at Pen Mar was a splendid outing. On Saturday afternoon Miss Bowers, of Chambersburg, led in interesting campus pastimes. In spite of the intense heat, the tennis courts were in demand. We are proud to chronicle the fact that Professor Demura takes back with him to Japan the title of Frederick Conference racquet champion. As baseball was recently classed as a non-essential by the Government, that game was not indulged in.

York, Pa.

From New Subscribers.

DEAR EDITOR:

May I ask you for just a little space in your next issue of *THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS*? "My first impressions on the Conference at Mt. Gretna." It was my privilege to attend a Missionary Conference for the first time, and it was a most blessed privilege. Felt like a stranger in a strange land the day I arrived, but through the kindness of Miss Schoedler I wasn't a stranger very long. The committee in charge deserves great credit for the success of the entire Conference. Enjoyed every meeting that I was able to attend. Found the early morning prayer meetings most inspiring. Congregations who do not send delegates to these Conferences surely are missing something they can't afford to miss.

Also enjoyed my work as leader of Mission Band. The entire week proved a great blessing. Enclosed find \$1.00 for two years' subscription to *THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS*.

Very sincerely,

TAWILLA L. OSWALD.

"I have just decided that I am going to subscribe for *THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS*. When I have read them I will pass them on to some of the Reformed Schools. I think they are great. That article, 'Somebody Else,' is especially fine, the very best I have read for a long time. You surely are to be congratulated in having such a very splendid missionary magazine."

FLORA M. DICKS.

Hampton, Pa.

The assistant minister of the interior of the Southern Government of China, formerly a bitter opponent of Christianity, has become a Christian. On announcing his decision, he gave as one reason that out of ten Christians, I find nine honest men; out of ten non-Christians, I find nine dishonest men.

Let us put by some hour of every day
For holy things!—whether it be when dawn
Peers through the window-pane, or when the
noon

Flames, like a burnished topaz, in the vault,
Or when the thrush pours in the ear of eve
Its plaintive monody; some little hour
Wherein to hold rapt converse with the soul,
From sordidness and self a sanctuary,
Swept by the winnowing of unseen wings,
And touched by the White Light Ineffable!

—CLINTON SCOLLARD.

In a Study Class at Collegeville.

BY E. M. LIVINGOOD.

Gray's *Elegy* could not have been written amid more peaceful surroundings than the campus at Collegeville.

It was a great privilege to be a member of Dr. C. E. Schaeffer's class to study "The Gospel for a Working World."

While the contents of the book have been criticized and found fault with, it however teaches us who have professed Christianity that we have neglected the neighbor at our very door, and have held ourselves too much aloof regarding our brother's need. "Am I my brother's keeper?" That question, while not asked in those words, is acted, in part, by the majority of church-goers.

It is the duty of every one of us to be concerned as to the interest of the community in which we have been placed. The religious, educational, social and industrial phases are all discussed. The first chapter teaches us the fact that we have forgotten the real value of human life. How often it is virtually ground out of existence by long hours and standing steadily at a machine. Then the chapters in turn contain ways and means by which existing conditions could be changed, better factory conditions, better homes for the workmen to live in, and cleaner communities.

The ultimate result can only be accomplished by Christian teaching and example, and to show them their daily efforts to make living more easy and comfortable for others are appreciated, not only with the pay envelope, but more kindly consideration.

When they can be made to feel that they belong, not only in a measure, to our congregations, but are a part of and a necessity to the same, then only have we as Christians done our part.

When we can teach by our example, that it is not what we have, but *what we are* that counts at the end of life.

Life is the most precious thing in the world, and the young must be taught in the public schools and in the Sunday Schools how best to take care of themselves.

The best thing in the world is Love and only those who have first Love for Christ and then Love for our brother can be truly Christians.

Then surely we are obeying Christ's command when He said, "These two commandments give I unto you."

Womelsdorf, Pa.

Self-help is good; but other-help is better. They are accounted happy who can make good for themselves, but they never taste the infinite blessedness of those who make good for others.

—F. B. MEYER.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR

Missionaries in the Service.

A NUMBER of our Home Missionaries have gone into the national service and have either resigned their missions or been granted an extended leave of absence. The following have responded:

Rev. George W. Hartman of St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. George A. Ehrgood, of Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Rev. Winfield S. Harman, of Braddock, Pa.; Rev. Paul B. Rupp, of McKeesport, Pa.; Rev. Ellis S. Hay, of Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Ralph J. Harrity, of Sioux City, Iowa.

The decision of these men is leaving some of our best missions without pastoral oversight. The missions are gracefully yielding to this condition in the interests of patriotism, with the hope that after the war these men will get back into the pastorate with enlarged experience and a new devotion to the interests of God and humanity. The Board of Home Missions has a service flag of six stars.

The Next Drive.

THE word "drive" has been invested with new significance since the war broke out in Europe. We are daily watching the papers for every new and aggressive movement that our armies are making. We are studying maps and learning to pronounce names of places and men that we never knew to exist. Every forward push which brings us nearer to victory we call a drive. The Church is beginning to adopt the phraseology of the battlefield. Indeed it has done so for centuries past. It is the Church *militant* and therefore the nomenclature of warfare lends itself strikingly to its purpose. The Church needs to prepare for and make a new drive during this current year. One objective of this drive is the full Apportionment by the end of the Classical year next May.

Last Spring the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions conducted a brief campaign to raise the Apportionment in full. It was well worth while, for there flowed, in consequence, into our respective treasuries, the aggregate of about \$40,000 more than in any previous year. The experience of the past should teach wisdom for the future. The special drive this year should begin now and be sustained until next Spring.

Pastors and Consistories should plan to raise as much of the Apportionment before

Christmas as possible. Some congregations have already paid in full for the year. This is highly commendable. It is a very serious mistake to delay raising the amount of the Apportionment until the close of the Classical year. The high pressure methods which must usually be resorted to at the close are bound to react unfavorably upon our congregations. The months immediately ahead of us are the "lean" months for the Boards and unless there will be a steady flow of ever-increasing amounts into our treasuries we will be obliged to borrow in ever larger amounts. Another reason why the Apportionment should be paid as early as possible is because the Boards have no definite assurance that financial institutions will be willing to make extensive loans after the first of the year. This would seriously embarrass the Boards and might jeopardize the work in hand, unless the Apportionment is more nearly and more promptly paid. Every congregation should therefore mobilize its forces and organize itself for a definite and a victorious drive to reach the goal as soon as possible.

Notes and Notices.

The attendance at the first regular services of the new St. John's Mission, Bethlehem, Pa., of which Dr. Z. A. Yearick is pastor, was 32 in the morning and 36 in the evening.

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The Rev. Edwin O. Marks, pastor of St. Paul's Mission, Johnstown, Pa., reports that he spent the month of August in the Lorain Steel Co., riveting switches for railroad use in France.

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Mrs. E. A. Cannon, who has charge of the Kindergarten work in our Japanese Mission in San Francisco, reports that the Kindergarten opened with 39 children, after a month's vacation.

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"These are days when we must all do the unusual. I like my Cedar Rapids job because it gives me an abundance of opportunities to do the unusual. I helped two of our farmer families to shock wheat and oats the greater part of last week"—so writes Rev. Frank S. Bromer, our missionary at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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The Hungarian Mission at Homestead, Pa.,

of which Rev. A. Harsanyi, Ph. D., is pastor, conducted a daily vacation school with 80 children.

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The Missionary at State College, Pa., Rev Ray H. Dotterer, reports that a Junior Sermon has been re-established and is an institution which seems to be appreciated. During the Summer session of the College a considerable number of teachers from all parts of Pennsylvania worshipped at the Mission and some attended Sunday School. Rev. Dotterer has been taking a night each week in charge of a Y. M. C. A. room.

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Rev. J. Kaeppli, until recently our missionary at Warren, Pa., was suddenly killed by lightning while engaged in plowing on his farm in Wisconsin. Brother Kaeppli was a Swiss by birth and had just retired from the active ministry several months ago.

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Rev. A. C. Hottenstein resigned the Mission at Abilene, Kansas, after serving it for one year.

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St. James Mission, Allentown, of which Rev. J. S. Peters is the pastor, had the largest delegation present at the Missionary Conference at Collegeville.

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The services of St. Paul's Mission, East Allentown, Pa., Rev. E. E. Sensenig pastor, are well attended since the congregation worships in its fine new building. Recently a community service was held in this church in memory of a young man who was killed in France, although not a member of the congregation.

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The Mission at Trafford, Pa., recently decided to merge with the Presbyterians there, and the Missionary, Rev. E. R. Hoke, has resigned and retired from the field.

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The General Secretary is on a trip to California visiting our Japanese Mission in San Francisco. En route he stopped at Des Moines, Omaha, Denver, where in company with Superintendent Horning the interests of these Missions were canvassed. He also visited the Mission at Los Angeles, which is supported by the Board of the German Synods.

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Superintendent James M. Mullan will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod at Akron, Ohio, on September 26th.

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The Executive Committee of the Board will

hold its Fall meeting at Pittsburgh on Friday, October 11th.

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The annual Home Mission Day will be held on Sunday, November 10th. The Board has prepared a special service, entitled, SOLDIERS OF CHRIST. The offerings will be applied to the Progressive Project of the Synod of the Interior.

Dedication at Bethlehem.

The dedication of St. John's Chapel in West Bethlehem took place on Sunday, August 4th. The Board of Home Missions was represented by Treasurer J. S. Wise who spoke in the morning, and the General Secretary, who preached the sermon in the afternoon. Rev. Henry I. Stahr, pastor of Christ Church, Bethlehem, preached in the evening. This work was started about a year ago by East Pennsylvania Classis purchasing a desirable lot in a new and rapidly developing section in West Bethlehem. The Board of Home Missions appointed the Rev. Z. A. Yearick, D. D., as a Missionary with a view of surveying the field, erecting a Sunday School Chapel and effecting an organization. The first two of these objections have now been accomplished, and steps are under way to bring about the third. The erection of the chapel was made possible by the Board of Home Missions granting a substantial loan and by the cooperation of the East Pennsylvania Classis. The Mission has a most excellent location and the prospects for a strong and very active congregation are very bright.

Missions at the Mission House.

NESTLED in the bosom of a rich agricultural community in Northeastern Wisconsin, eleven miles from Sheboygan, is the Mission House of the Reformed Church. Walking is good and the place may be reached by foot in three or four hours from Sheboygan, or if you have a friend who has an automobile, as the writer fortunately had, you can get there in thirty minutes. The automobile has revolutionized our modern mode of travel. It is everywhere in evidence, but nowhere more so than at a Missionary Festival at the Mission House. They came from every section bearing their cargoes of humanity freighted for many miles across the country. Where they all came from is still a mystery, but they were there and were there for a purpose. What a transformation has been wrought in this place! Those who knew the old scenes and surroundings and now behold the new buildings and the new campus could scarcely believe their eyes. The old "shacks" that served as dormitories for a generation or more have disappeared. They have been dismantled and the material has

been converted into houses for the Professors. A new dormitory of generous proportions, of modern equipment, a thing of strength and beauty has risen on the spot, and everything around the place has become new. The external surroundings are not yet complete, but when the grading and the walks and other features will be finished, the Reformed Church will have one of its finest and best equipped institutions in that part of the country. And the beauty of it is that these extensive improvements are practically paid for. Their constituency have the money and they have been giving it for their institution. They are investing their wealth into men. They have been doing that for some years and they are reaping the results. They are supplying men for the ministry. That is what the institution is for. Out of eleven who graduated from the College last Spring, ten will enter the Theological department this Fall and will become ministers of the Reformed Church. There is no dearth of men among them. And the type of men they turn out are men of strong personality and power and will assume leadership in the Church. The institution was originally founded to educate ministers in the German language. All this is being changed. Practically everybody speaks English and most of the meetings of this Mission Conference were conducted in the English language. For many it was a sacrifice to give up their language, the language of their religion, their hymns, their prayers, but they are loyal to American principles and ideals and are readily accommodating themselves to modern conditions.

Of course the spirit of Missions ran high at the Missionary Conference. Several of our Foreign Missionaries on furlough were there, viz: Miss Mary Gerhard and Rev. Carl Kriete, each of whom conducted a Mission Study Class; also Rev. Dr. Burghalter of the Foreign Board. The Home Mission forces were represented by Rev. J. Friedli, the General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and of Church Erection of the Northwest, the Central and the Southwest Synods. That is a long title, but not too long for the large work that this good brother does in those Synods. He is a man of fine spirit, a good executive, a wise leader, and he justly enjoys the confidence of his brother ministers. Then there was Rev. G. D. Elliker of New Glarus, formerly occupying the office of General Secretary, whose interest in Home Missions has not abated, and who is a member of General Synod's Board of Home Missions. Elder Philip Koehring of Milwaukee, a prominent layman, had charge of the Mission Study Class on "The Gospel for a Working World." Then there was Rev. W. Walenta, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the Superintendent of our Jewish Mission, who preached the sermon on Sunday morning at the annual Mission Fest in Immanuel Church. He delivered a very inter-

esting and inspiring message setting forth the importance of doing Missionary work among the Jews. His sermon made a profound impression on the large audience that packed the spacious church.

On Sunday afternoon the closing service was held under the tent on the campus. There was a large and representative audience present to listen to the address of the General Secretary on "The Next Adventure for God." There were many other splendid features connected with the conference. Special mention should be made of the Cantata, "The Holy City," which was rendered on Saturday night by the combined choirs of Milwaukee and Sheboygan, under the leadership of Prof. F. W. Knatz, who also had charge of the musical end of the Conference program, besides serving as Registrar and providing suitable accommodations for the delegates. The address of Hon. August Baccus of Milwaukee, on Friday night was of an exceedingly high and impressive character. It was a strong social service message in which he set forth the duty of Christians to the less fortunate people who have fallen into the hands of the law.

The section of the Church comprising the Conference is giving promise of great things in the future. Among them will be the leaders in Church and the State, and the Reformed Church will play its part in training them.

Observations of the Treasurer.

J. S. WISE.

STRIKER'S Out!" For the first time in my life I was an autocrat. There can be no greater autocrat than the umpire of a base ball game. Such was I for about an hour and a half as I umpired the game between Ministers and Laymen at the Missionary Conference of North Carolina. My word was absolute law! I was "monarch of all I surveyed!" No one dared question my decisions. "Rotten" was never once shouted, not even whispered, by the fine, intelligent and enthusiastic occupants of the grand stand and bleachers. But the mild look of surprise given by the "striker-out" several times during the game, I must confess gave me some slight "compunctions of conscience." Nevertheless, I maintained my autocracy and the game ended in favor of the Ministers with a score of 3 to 2. Had the score been reversed, the reputation I made as an umpire might not have been as good as it now is. Being a layman, and as the score favored the ministry, I escaped all

censure as well as rough, rude criticism. I count myself fortunate. It was a good game and thoroughly enjoyed by both the men and women who witnessed it. Evidently the women fully understood the intricacies of the game. I heard them ask no "fool questions." Their comments were intelligently expressed.

It was my privilege to attend three of the Missionary Conferences this year—North Carolina, Mt. Gretna and Collegeville. Much has already been written about them—the relative merits of the programs, the spiritual uplift, and the varied experiences of the delegates. Because of this I will simply state that the study classes, the morning devotions, the institutes and the addresses were unusually strong and inspiring. Each conference had a few outstanding features of its own. The recreational side, it seems to me, needed just a little more forethought and planning. What we had was good, but somehow I could not help but feel that there was very little advance preparation made. The hikes, stunts and whatnots were thoroughly enjoyed. I have no fault to find with them. They have become "the regular events." Let us have something "irregular," something entirely new, something that has not yet been tried. I know that I am suggesting something hard and difficult, but I am sure the recreational committees will be fully equal to the task and meet the need next year. Hikes are easily arranged. Stunts and sings are easily announced—the delegates do the rest. But something new, provided and supervised by the committee—there's the rub. Four years ago Dr. Mickley distinguished himself on the ball field at Ridgeview. Why no other games were played since then, I do not know. That game was thoroughly enjoyed. So was the one in North Carolina this year. I shall never forget it. It was my introduction to autocracy and I have a strong desire to repeat it. The "sings" at Mt. Gretna and Collegeville were delightful. War songs, of course, were the favorites. No one can take part in such affairs without being stirred with new patriotic enthusiasm and zeal

for the cause our nation has espoused. There cannot be too much of it at this time. "Over There" and kindred songs helped to satisfy the girls—for I would have you know these are trying times for girls! The boys were missing. Their absence was very much in evidence. The service flags displayed in all our Churches gives the reason. So in singing the war songs I have no doubt many a girl's heart throbbed with delight and admiration as she pictured *her* boy "over there," and perchance whispered to herself, "God bless him and keep him safe." Ah! the recreational part of our Conferences means much more than is outwardly indicated, and for that reason I am convinced that that part of the program needs a little more careful thought in its preparation.

In addition to attending the above mentioned Conferences, during July and August, I visited the following places in behalf of Home Missions: Charlotte, N. C.; Newton, N. C.; Temple, Pa.; West Bethlehem, Pa., and Skippack, Pa.

Winning the West for Christ—Part II

An Educational Campaign to Precede Home Mission Day, 1918.

Last year almost 400 congregations and Sunday Schools of the Reformed Church made use of Part I, "Winning the West for Christ." *Was your church one of the 400?* If not, write the Mission Study Department, 304 Reformed Church Building, Philadelphia, Pa., for a set of the following materials for Part II. *Materials sent only upon request—free of charge.*

- I. A New Wall Chart on our Western Work.
- II. "Heroic Home Missionaries." Stories for use as *Five Missionary Minutes in the Sunday School*, from the platform by Superintendent or Missionary Superintendent, three Sundays preceding Home Mission Day, November 10, 1918.
- III. "Why Win the West?" Pamphlet for wide distribution, one to each family.

In addition, a *new* Mission Study Class for Young People to use Dr. Schaeffer's "Our Home Mission Work" will provide a fine background.

Foreign Missions

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, EDITOR

Two Special Items About North Japan College.

A RECENT letter from Dr. Schneder informs us that the non-Christian moneyed men of the city of Sendai and community are showing their interest in our work by making contributions to it. A Mr. Arai who is the owner of one of the finest residences in Sendai, and one of the richest men in the community, recently made a contribution of Yen 1,500, in U. S. money, \$750, to North Japan College. Another prominent business man made a similar contribution of \$750. Others made contributions in smaller amounts. It is not so much the amount contributed as that they contributed at all that is significant.

Within the recollection of the writer this is the first time that such contributions have been made by prominent non-Christians of the community, to our work. It is another indication of the more favorable attitude of mind towards our religion on the part of the people at large, and augurs wells for the future of mission work in Japan.

Another item of interest in the communication received from the President of North Japan College is the fact that in an intercollegiate oratorical contest recently held in Japan, including the eight government colleges of the Empire, one of our North Japan college boys, who is now a student of the government college of Sendai, carried off the first prize. This young man is the son of our Prof. T. Hayasaka, the Registrar of Miyagi Girls' school, who is also known to some of our home people because of a visit made to this country some years ago. The students of our school have a reputation for their oratorical ability, having carried off honors in former contests of a more local

character. Why should this be so? Is it not because of their training in a Christian institution such as ours they are imbued with loftier conceptions and higher ideals of life than others not so trained?

J. P. MOORE.

On the Siberia Maru.

At the Golden Gate, July 19, 1918.

Dear Readers of "Tohoku"—

Our furlough is over. I feel quite sure of that now. This has been for me a year of suspense, not only because the times are so uncertain for all of us, but also because I have been under the influence of the shock I received in that other year of furlough, in 1904, when I was suddenly forbidden to return to the field.

We have just run the gauntlet of American officials, some sympathetic and courteous, others tired and cross, who searched ourselves, our baggage and our purses for evidence of a purpose to give aid and comfort to the enemy. We have been withered by a series of suspicious inspections.

In an instant the whole atmosphere is changed. We climb up to the deck of a Japanese vessel. Though in American waters we are under the Japanese flag. The Japanese captain, whose acquaintance I made on a previous voyage, at sight of me shouts, "Noss San!" and greets me with a hearty handshake. Not to speak of others of the personnel of the vessel whom I have met before and who show their delight at having a passenger from America who speaks the language of Nippon, the stewardess proves to be the same O Matsu San who was the maid when the Nosses 22½ years ago first began to keep house in Sendai. Prominent among the Japanese passen-

gers is Dr. Yamanouchi of Paris, a younger brother of Mrs. Takeda of our Church at Wakamatsu, whom I taught and baptized at Sendai fourteen years ago. He is a noted pupil of the renowned Metchnikoff and tells me that what he learned of us at Sendai helped him to fight the pneumonic plague at Astrakhan. No doubt there are other old Japanese friends aboard. Practically we are in Japan once more.

I hope I may not be misunderstood when I say that the realization of this brings me a sense of glad relief. Not that I do not love America. I have never

that you have given to this book, even amid the distractions of our times, which assures us of your unwearied interest in the cause. Henceforth it will be easier to send messages from the field, because now we are sure of an audience who know the general situation well enough to appreciate a few details. You will hear from us oftener than in the past.

I am inexpressibly thankful that there has been no repetition of the tragedy of fourteen years ago. Mrs. Noss is returning to the field in the best of health, a fact due in large measure to the practical help given by the ladies of the mis-



CONGREGATION

The American Missionaries, reading from left to right: Front Row—Rev. Ward Har

been quite so proud to bear the name American as I am now. But the glory of America is to be found in just such service as we are now to be given an opportunity to render. We are American but belong to Japan.

Most of my time this past year has been given to the preparation of the material that has appeared in the book "Tohoku." I thank you for the welcome

missionary societies of Lancaster, when we settled in that city a year ago. He gives twice who gives quickly. Mrs. Noss joins me in saying "Good-bye" and "God bless you."

CHRISTOPHER NOSS.

Mailed at Honolulu, July 25.

Smooth voyage, all well. Miss Pifer is with us.

A Fine Appreciation.

In Dr. Bartholomew's absence from the editorial chair, while recovering from a minor surgical operation, we take this opportunity to print an appreciation of the Doctor's work at the Summer Missionary Conferences, four of which he attended, three of them in the hottest week of August. The appreciation which we quote is from the pen of Dr. Dundore, Chairman of the Ridgeview Park Conference:

"Dr. Bartholomew's sermon was a masterpiece. A prominent United Presbyterian layman told me after the service that he never heard a better missionary sermon. It was exceptional. I wish he would put it in print at the request of the Ridgeview Conference. Many have made such a request to me."

sacrificing toil. We rejoice with him in the fine number of adult baptisms in the year just closed—32. There are also 75 enquirers. The Chinese members of the congregation contributed last year \$58.02 gold and the missionaries \$275.02 gold.

Below the picture we have noted the names of the missionaries who head up the several departments of our work at Shenchowfu. The ladies of the Mission will be recognized, reading from left to right: First row, Miss Elizabeth J. Miller, nurse, and Mrs. J. Frank Bucher (extreme right); third row, Mrs. Ward Hartman, Mrs. Karl H. Beck and Mrs. Lewis R. Thompson (extreme right).



CHOWFU, CHINA.

Second Row—Dr. Lewis R. Thompson. Third Row—Rev. J. F. Bucher, Prof. Karl H. Beck.

The Congregation at Shenchowfu.

The Gospel is steadily winning a larger place in the hearts and lives of an increasing number of Chinese at our Shenchowfu Station in Western Hunan, China. The picture on this page is one proof. Three years ago there were 44 communicants, now there are 102; then a Sunday School of 180 scholars, now four enrolling 410.

Rev. Ward Hartman, the missionary evangelist in charge, has just returned on furlough after seven years of arduous labors and self-

Dr. Barton tells of traveling with a famous lecturer, who in one breath said he "didn't believe in foreign missions" and in the next breath was enthusiastic in his praise of hospitals, colleges, schools and industrial plants.

"Well," I said, "you have just given me material for one of the best missionary pamphlets I ever read."

"Oh," said he, "if you call *that* missions, of course there is no fool who could question for a minute that they are the greatest enterprise in the world."

"Well, we do call *that* missions."

Benefit Concert at Fukushima.

BY DR. WILLIAM G. SEIPLE.

ON the morning of January 26th, Mrs. Seiple, Miss Hansen of the Miyagi Girls' School, and Messrs. Nicodemus, Zaugg and Seiple of North Japan College, went to Fukushima, about fifty miles south of Sendai. They put up at the Japanese hotel there. Messrs. Kriete and Ankeney, of our Mission, arrived from Yamagata later in the morning and joined the party. That afternoon, at the Prefectural Normal School, in the presence of about four hundred students and their teachers, our company of musicians gave a free musical concert of eight numbers, including a piano duet by Miss Hansen and Mrs. Seiple, a vocal quartet by Messrs. Kriete, Ankeney, Zaugg and Nicodemus, a saxophone and horn duet by Messrs. Nicodemus and Ankeney, vocal solos by Mrs. Seiple, banjo and bones duet by Messrs. Zaugg and Nicodemus, vocal duet by Messrs. Kriete and Zaugg, piano solo by Miss Hansen, and chorus "America" by all six musicians. We were taken there in a motor car specially hired for the occasion and also brought from there to the Church afterward in the motor car. At the Church the members of the party practiced for almost two hours for the evening concert, which was held there. In the evening also we were taken from the hotel to the Church in the motor car, where a concert was held for the benefit of the Japan Y. M. C. A.'s deputation to the Allied forces in Europe. There

were, besides the musical numbers furnished by the members of our party, two violin selections by Prof. Sekine, teacher of music in the Prefectural Normal School there, and one selection of Japanese music played by four little sisters, the Misses Tanimura, all members of our Sunday School there, on the *koto*, a kind of Japanese harp which is laid on the floor and played. Each one of these sisters had one of these instruments in front of her, as she knelt on a cushion. No applause was permitted and everything was very dignified and proper. Children under twelve years of age were refused admission. Every ticket sold, and there were over four hundred sold, cost fifty *sen* (twenty-five cents). A photograph of the musicians, the pastor and Mr. Seiple, and the audience was taken afterward by flash-light. Next morning (Sunday), at the Sunday School service, Miss Hansen played a piano solo and Messrs. Ankeney and Nicodemus a horn duet. Mr. Seiple preached at the morning service in Japanese. This service contained many musical selections by the members of our party. The women's society of the congregation invited us to a fine luncheon afterward at the parsonage. We returned to Sendai that night and the Yamagata members also left that afternoon. After all expenses were paid, and these were not more than \$15, the sum of \$85.54 was realized and sent for the purpose designated. The Normal School gave pastor Jo \$7.50 to add to this amount. A fine impression was made on the people of the community by this con-



MISSIONARIES AND AUDIENCE AT BENEFIT CONCERT AT FUKUSHIMA, JAPAN.

cert. This may be of great help in the future work of the Christian Church there. The newspapers of the place entered heartily into the movement and sold three hundred of the four hundred and two tickets sold. They also gave good accounts of the concert in their columns. The immediate occasion of the concert was to try the new piano which had been bought of the Matsumoto firm in Tokyo with a gift of two hundred dollars from a former member of the Sunday School, a Miss Toshie Okano, who was married to a Mr. Nonaka in July 1917 at Yokohama, and in September of that year went to America with her husband to live there. He is head of the New York branch of a Yokohama firm of Japanese and she sent the money to commemorate her wedding. The pastor, Rev. Y. Jo, has had the piano suitably inscribed in Japanese: "Presented by Toshie Nonaka in Honor of Her Wedding."

Sendai, Japan.

He Knoweth Best.

"Mary" was brought to the Methodist Woman's Hospital in Kiukiang, China, when she was eight days old and left at the door of Miss Carrie J. Dreibelbies, the Principal of the Woman's Bible Training School, conducted by the Woman's Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This happened in October, 1902. The little castaway baby girl was practically starved and very sick. "There was no room" for the little one in the Mission School nor any funds for her support. She found a "mother" in Miss Dreibelbies, who brought Mary with her to America when 2½ years old.

After some time in America Miss Dreibelbies arranged to have Mary legally adopted into her family as her own child. In a recent letter to Dr. Bartholomew, the sad news was imparted, telling of Mary's long illness and death, which occurred June 22nd. While attending High School in Wilmington, Del., Mary became seriously ill, last March, suffering from hemorrhages of the lungs. She



MARY DREIBELBIES.

made a partial recovery, but gave up the struggle a few months later, maintaining "a strong, beautiful faith to the last." She was laid to rest following services in Zion's Reformed Church, Lehighton, Pa.

Miss Dreibelbies writes: "I had hoped and planned so much for her, but He knew best. * * * She was an exceptionally bright child—never had to take exams. in school, was always exempt—she always took great interest in Foreign Mission work and drew splendid posters to announce the meetings; would have been a Senior in Wilmington High School this winter; we were planning for her going to college in another year. * * * She was a dear child, loved by all who knew her; always loyal and kind; strong in her faith that Jesus was going to take her to His home—never a fear, only she wished she could take me along, for, as she said, 'We always go together everywhere.'"

Her host of friends throughout the Reformed Church deeply sympathize with Miss Dreibelbies in her sore bereavement. She will be remembered by many as a member of our own China Mission in

charge of the Bible Woman's Work for several years. On account of her health she was compelled to return to America and ably served the Church in the management of the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks' Home, Allentown, Pa., for a number of years.

J. H. P.

Mission Band Notes.

Beginning with November our Mission Bands will begin the study of "Jack and Janet in the Philippines," by Norma Waterbury Thomas. This book is a sequel to "Around the World with Jack and Janet," by the same author. No one will want to miss this splendid study for the children.

Begin now to collect supplementary material, there is an abundance. One of the finest sets of pictures and supplementary reading is found in the *National Geographic Magazine*, November, 1913. If you have back numbers, look them over and find this most excellent number.

Send for a copy of "Jack and Janet in the Philippines" to-day. You will find valuable suggestions on page 111 and on the last page a list of supplementary material. Look this over carefully and send for the material you can use.

Be prepared! Act to-day! Send for material.

To possess God is to have an all-sufficient Object for all our nature. He who has God for his very own has the Fountain of life in himself; has the Spring of living water, as it were, in his own courtyard; and needs not to go elsewhere to draw. He need fear no loss, for his wealth is so ingrained in the very substance of his being that nothing can rob him of it but himself, and that whilst he lasts, it will last with, because in, him.

—ALEXANDER MACLAREN.

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Dr. Lei.

Dr. Wang. Dr. Yang.
Dr. Suen.

A Fine Corps of Native Doctors.

AN EMERGENCY MEASURE WHILE CIVIL WAR RAGED ABOUT OUR MISSION AT YCHOW, CHINA.

During the months of January, February and March, when there were several hundred wounded soldiers in the wards of the hospitals, it was quite impossible for the regular mission staff to attend properly to their needs. Therefore the local Red Cross Society employed several physicians and nurses to assist in the work. The accompanying photograph shows the physicians in the uniform prescribed by the Chinese National Red Cross Society.

The two on the left, Drs. Yao and Lei, are regularly employed in the Mission Hospital. Both of them are graduates of the Union Medical College of Hankow. The three on the right are also medical graduates and rendered good service in the emergency hospital. Dr. Wang has been in private practice in this city for several years, conducting a hospital which was looted in January. Practically all of the equipment having been stolen or destroyed, the doctor came over to help us. Drs. Yang and Suen were sent to us from Hankow. Drs. Yao, Young, Yang and Wang speak English.

Dr. Young came to us from Changsha, where he owns the Chung Wha Hospital. He was born in Hong Kong, hence is a British subject, spent most of his early years in Honolulu and

then studied medicine and later practiced for several years in Detroit. He thinks, speaks, reads and writes in English. He has a wide acquaintance in the States and holds American institutions in high regard. Dr. Young possesses the instincts of a real physician, and is a skilled surgeon, developed by hard work and a large experience. We enjoyed having him associated with us and are sure that a warm welcome, on the part of the Chinese and foreigners, awaits him any time he finds it convenient to visit our compound.

Without the help of these men, four of whom are Christians, we could by no means have cared for the hundreds of soldiers who were crowded into our four hospitals. It is due them and the home Church that we make this public recognition of their services.

Yochow City, Hunan, China.

J. ALBERT BEAM.

Have you given anything to the
Yochow Relief Fund?

MISSIONARY FINANCE

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

General Fund Receipts for July, 1918.

Synods—	1918.	1917.	Increase.	Decrease.
Eastern	\$931.54	\$1,235.19		\$303.65
Potomac	548.05	208.65	\$339.40	
Ohio	626.50	649.68		23.18
Pittsburgh	693.50	383.60	309.90	
Interior		400.00		400.00
German of the East.....	292.81	295.97		3.16
*Central				
*Northwest				
*Southwest				
W. M. S. G. S.		50.00		50.00
Y. P. S. C. E.		30.00		30.00
All other sources.....	126.81	43.45	83.36	
	\$3,219.21	\$3,296.54	\$732.66	\$809.99

*For Hungarian and Harbor Missions only.

Net Decrease, \$77.33

Annual Report of July 1, 1918 and 1917.

Synods—	General Fund.		Church-building.	
	1918.	1917.	1918.	1917.
Eastern	\$57,612.90	\$46,964.13	\$2,400.53	\$1,960.16
Potomac	22,504.69	20,978.34	937.70	868.67
Ohio	19,952.94	15,203.99	831.37	766.50
Pittsburgh	17,059.85	15,527.71	710.82	646.98
Interior	3,843.07	3,012.62	160.12	49.52
Apportionment	\$120,973.45	\$101,686.79	\$5,040.54	\$4,291.83
German of the East.....	3,015.25	3,191.67		
Central, Northwest and Southwest.....	790.55	792.60		
*W. M. S. G. S.	7,273.65	8,000.87	1,725.77	2,673.70
Y. P. S. C. E.	158.50	304.64		
All other sources.....	1,777.55	1,791.66	40,717.95	37,873.35
Net Cash Receipts.....	\$133,988.95	\$115,768.23	\$47,484.26	\$44,838.88
	115,768.23		44,838.88	
Net Increase.....	\$18,220.72		\$2,645.38	

*The W. M. S. gave in addition to the above for specified objects \$497.36 in 1917 and \$607.57 in 1918. These contributions accounted for in "all other sources."

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Comparative Receipts for the Month of July.

Synods.	1917.			1918.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Appt.	Specials.	Total.	Appt.	Special.	Totals.		
Eastern	\$1,056.37	\$509.75	\$1,566.12	\$1,594.08	\$1,481.47	\$3,075.55	\$1,509.43	
Potomac	276.40	132.00	408.40	625.05	341.07	966.12	557.72	
Pittsburgh	224.90		224.90	693.50	235.00	928.50	703.60	
Ohio	644.68	314.75	959.43	626.50	181.20	807.70		\$151.73
Interior	400.00	102.91	502.91		70.00	70.00		432.91
Central		454.65	454.65	84.85	126.75	211.60		243.05
German of East.....		1,043.45	1,043.45	135.00	128.00	263.00		780.45
Northwest		62.00	62.00	123.38	100.00	223.38	161.38	
Southwest		70.00	70.00	120.93	50.75	171.68	101.68	
Bequests		50.00	50.00		3,581.17	3,581.17	3,531.17	
Annuity Bonds.....								
W. M. S. G. S.		185.83	185.83		168.95	168.95		16.88
Miscellaneous		14.62	14.62		69.89	69.89	55.27	
Totals.....	\$2,602.35	\$2,939.96	\$5,542.31	\$4,003.29	\$6,534.25	\$10,537.54	\$6,620.25	\$1,625.02

Net Increase, \$4,995.23

Woman's Missionary Society

EDITOR: MRS. EDWARD F. EVEMEYER, 29 N. THIRD STREET, EASTON, PA.

Editorial Comment.

WHILE busy winning the war, the churches will at the same time be earnestly studying "Christianity and the World's Workers," or to put it in one word, LABOR. In advance of the present patriotic pull, the Church was alive to the imperative necessity of a practical Christian interpretation of labor and capital. Looking at these disputed questions with the eyes and mind of Christ is going to solve the stupendous problem. How little the average person really knows in an accurate student way about labor conditions, whether he be on one side or the other. The thousands and thousands of women in industry, and still more thousands going into the army of the world's workers, absolutely demands that we all line up for the Woman's Missionary Society's text-books this year, "Women Workers of the Orient" and "The Path of Labor." Never have the Women's Boards given us such an illuminating challenging array of things to learn and to do, and the fascinating part about it is that after reading these books, every woman is stirred to concern and intense desire to act, and that proves what she has in her. The outcome sought in this year of study is a Christian movement to secure a square deal for all the people of the world as they labor together. While the texts are written from the viewpoint sympathetic with the industrial laborer, it also affords opportunity to see both sides of the problem, enabling us each to lay hold of those principles necessary for Christian democracy

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FOR the winning of the war by the Allies is only the beginning of the enterprise to establish the family plan for the world. Let us never lose sight of this fact for a moment. The world has one battle. It involves men, women and children; women must have an intelligent understanding of their part and place. While the Christian men and women of America strive to obtain justice and equity for labor leading up to brotherhood in this land, we must also remember that the developing industrial system of the Orient is right now powerfully influenced by what they see in this so-called Christian country. Are we worthy to be an example? A thousand times no, yet the cause is gradually climbing the ladder of improved conditions. The labor situation is our sternest proposition, next to the world war. Are we ready to cope with the after-the-war demands? Many promises are being made to labor during this time of need. The two books announced will not escape the attention of intelligent women in our Church. Winning the war, labor problems, and the propagation of the Gospel are not rivals for our time, money and devotion; they represent one cause. "The fight for the spiritual view of the world for justice and fair dealing, for the protection of the weak and the redemption of childhood, for the establishment of good-will and brotherhood, takes many forms and must be waged on many fronts, but it is the same fight. We cannot retire from the field in any part of the world without being weaker at every point. The task must be accepted as a whole. To confess that it is too great is to surrender something of that confidence in the universal validity of the principles for which we contend, something of that triumphant faith in the possession of the invincible truth which are necessary for success in the particular work we have in hand. *Christianity can conquer by nothing else than its magnitude.*"

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REQUESTS have come for Mrs. Samuel Semple's outline of "The Path of Labor," although the W. M. S. G. S. will not take up this text until March. The editor is glad to publish the outline at this time, believing the advance presentation will afford more time for a fuller study. Mrs. Semple is the only lady on the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry of Pennsylvania; also the erstwhile successful President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the efficient wife of a Presbyterian minister, and the little birds tell other lovely things about her.

Every Manner of Work.

These are the workers in thought,
 Those are the people who toil.
 These have the dust of the brain,
 Those have the dust of the soil.
 Which is the nobler, pray,
 Which most would the heart appall—
 The labor that knows no day,
 Or the work till the shadows fall?

Till the shadows fall—ah, me!
 For the toiling hand there is rest
 When the beacon signals glow,
 And the light is low in the West.
 But there's never a bell to cry
 That the labor of brain must cease,
 And only the worker knows
 When his toil must find release.

But over the worker falls
 Be he toiler of hand or brain,
 A spell that lightens his work
 Like a song with a sweet refrain.
 It comes from the echoing past,
 It sounds through the twilight dim;
 'Tis the Master Workman's voice,
 "Toilers 'together with Him.'"

ALICE M. GUERNSEY.

Reconstruction of the Church.

THIS year's study of labor should result in the reconstruction of thought and attitude within the Church. It will be a tremendous reflection upon the Body of Christ, if it does not change the mind of the membership of our pews. In this time of great changes, let us go about with open minds,

open to conviction, but not like the old Scotchman who said he was open to conviction, "But I should like to see the man who can convict me." Women, share this with men, for unless this question of capital and labor is settled satisfactorily to both sides, it will be made satisfactory in the extreme and bloody way that other human wrongs have been righted. Have we not enough Christianity to study, determine and live so that wars may be no more?

If so, see that your Woman's Missionary Society takes up the program on "Women Workers of the Orient" this month, and get your text ahead on women in industry in this country, "The Path of Labor." Surely this bloody war is teaching us that "a stitch in time saves nine," and if we can do anything to level class spirit in our country, we not only ought, but **MUST**. The demand of women in social life upon their husbands and fathers has had a powerful influence in building up the privileged class. It now behooves us, ladies, to look at this proposition squarely and act while it is yet day.

Is This the Result of Your Conference Attendance?

Tune—"The End of a Perfect Day."
 Now you've come to the end of the conference days

And you sit alone with your thoughts,
 There you see the folks go their different ways,
 With the joy that the week had brought.
 And you think what those days on the hill-top high

Will mean throughout the year,
 Then you see the dawn of a well-laid plan
 For your church in the kingdom here.



MRS. EYEMEYER'S MISSION STUDY CLASS AT OHIO MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Program Study Begins in September.

THE outline, which in the regular order of presentation, should have appeared in the August number of the **OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS**, introducing the first chapter of "Women Workers of the Orient," was inadvertently omitted when copy was set up. The W. M. S. editor recognized the importance of getting suggestions for the September meeting, based on this chapter, entitled "Work Within the Home," before the women in time for the societies meeting the first week in the

month, consequently sent outline for suggested program to *The Reformed Church Messenger*, *The Christian World* and *The Standard*, trusting that it will arrive in time to meet the need.

The Program for 1918-19 contains only the subject of the chapter as given in the book, and lack of space makes the usual Chapter Comment prohibitive. The Editor as "a non-commissioned officer" is offering the outlines on the chapters. Outlines on any of the coming chapters suitable for the monthly meeting will be gladly received by the editor. This means you. Try it and send in soon, subject of course to editorial change.

WOMEN WORKERS OF THE ORIENT.

Start even with all other societies in September in the study of this most interesting theme of labor conditions throughout the world.

AIM—That we may realize the Oriental woman's need of Christ to transform her home and to anchor her life as it is being tossed in the storm of change and blown about by the winds of transition.

DEVOTIONAL—Scripture, hymns and prayers should be based on the subject of home and Jesus' estimate of woman.

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS—

1. Presentation of general theme, "Christianity and the World's Workers." (Leaflet, Fifteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia.)
2. The Oriental Home—in different countries. These may be given by impersonation, also.
3. The effect the developing industrialism in the Orient is having upon the home, upon women and children. Point out the emancipating good, the undermining danger.
4. The power of the Christian home as represented by our missionaries' homes in the Orient. The mighty part the Christian Mission School plays.

**A WOMAN'S HOME IS THE CENTER, BUT NOT CIRCUMFERENCE OF
HER LIFE.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS—

For the Spirit of Jesus to enter darkened homes.

For the missionaries' homes.

For our own homes.

WOMEN WORKERS OF THE ORIENT.**The Wage Earners.****CHAPTER II**

(The most important chapter in the book)

AIM—To present the industrial situation of the Orient; and by comparison with conditions in our own country, show the necessity of securing proper legislation to foster and protect the worker's right in the very beginning of the development of what promises to be the most gigantic industrial system the world has yet known. Also, to make clear the influential relation our missionaries bear to legislation.

DEVOTIONAL—Scripture passages on Labor and Laborers to be compiled from any Topical Bible, or simply the following:

1. The cause of the heavy laden. Matt. 11: 28-30.
2. The cause of the employer—prod for purposeless laborer. Prov. 22: 29; 12: 24.
3. Motto for employer and employee, "Workers together with Him." II Cor. 6: 1.

PRAYERS—

1. For the millions of toilers that they may feel partnership with God.
2. For employers with heavy responsibilities.
3. For the voters of this country that they elect representatives just and strong to make and enforce laws for the highest good of all.
4. For fellowship with the Master Workman.

HYMNS—(Reformed Church Hymnal)

1. Soldiers of Christ, Arise and Put Your Armor On. 462.
2. Work for the Night is Coming. 144.
3. Tell It Among the Nations. 131.
4. Teach Me, My God and My King. 121.

"If done beneath Thy laws,
E'en servile labor shines.
Hallowed is toil, if this the cause,
The meanest work divine."

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS—

1. Kinds of Unskilled Labor Done by Women in the Orient.
2. The Industrial Revolution Being Brought About by Introduction of Modern Machinery.
3. Compare the Best Factories of the Orient with the Best in the United States. With the Worst.

(This refers to conditions under which women and children work. Write to your State Capitol, Department of Labor, for "Abstract of Laws Governing Women and Children." Bring out relation of bad conditions to the undermining of the race.)

4. Christian Influences at Work for Better Conditions—
Industrial Mission Plants.
Industrial Departments in the Mission Schools.
Missionaries as Christian Diplomats Influencing for Legislation.
5. Outcome to be sought: Skilled Hands, Keener Minds, Stronger Characters,
A CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER.

How the Law Protects Children.

THE following article is of decided importance to our study of children in industry this year. This Federal law was declared unconstitutional on June 3, and yet the writer heard a teacher of another denomination presenting the "pending injunction suit" instigated by a father of cotton mill children who claimed he was entitled to their wages until they were twenty-one as given on pages 100-101 in the "Path of Labor." Believing that the action of the Supreme Court on this question has not reached some of the people who should know, the quotation is made from *The Child Welfare Magazine*:

UNITED STATES CHILD LABOR LAW IS INVALID.

—

Supreme Court Holds Congress' Power Does Not Apply to Manufacturers.

Washington, D. C., June 3.—The Federal child labor law of 1916, forbidding interstate shipment of products of child labor, was today declared unconstitutional and invalid by the Supreme Court.

Injunctions restraining the Government from putting the statute into effect and restraining a Charlotte (N. C.) cotton mill from discharging children employed by it were sustained by the court. Justices Holmes, McKenna, Brandeis and Clarke dissented.

In deciding the case Justice Day, who rendered the opinion, said:

"Over interstate transportation or its incidents the regulatory power of Congress is ample, but the prosecution of articles intended for interstate commerce is a matter of local regulation.

"If it were otherwise, all manufacture intended for interstate shipment would be brought under Federal control to the practical exclusion of the authority of the States, a result certainly not contemplated by the framers of the Constitution when they vested in Congress the authority to regulate commerce among the States."

The above decision of the Supreme Court has been a blow to many, but it should not be regarded as in any sense an opposition to the desire to protect children. Child welfare has never been more earnestly considered than now; Constitutional measures will undoubtedly be adopted which will afford such protection. Only by constitutional amendment can Congress legislate on marriage and divorce, or on

prohibition of manufacture and sale of liquor.

Every State must have the opportunity to voice its sentiment. In the long run this is advantageous, although it precludes hasty action on measures which to many seem of immediate and universal advantage. It educates all the people up to the proposed measures. In the United States this is essential.

It behooves parents and teachers to get together in each State, and work out practical plans for protection of children who work, including suitable physical inspection, which is as necessary as attainment of the age. Encouragement of vocational education, by which children desire to continue school longer than they otherwise would, will go far to prevent the tendency to leave school too soon. Parents and teachers should study the practical aspects of the case. Many chiefs of departments of compulsory education, many superintendents of schools, many parents, have from experience gained data of great value in furtherance of proper measures for the protection and education of children from unsuitable and dangerous occupations.

THE PATH OF LABOR.

OUTLINE PREPARED BY MRS. SAMUEL SEMPLE.

AIM OF BOOK—*Christian Interpretation. Duty of Women to Women.*

1. What of Church and Labor? (Is there fault? Whose?)
2. What of Christianity and Labor? (Is there fault? Whose?)
3. Biblical Safeguards of Labor. Sabbath rest; just wages; physical safety.
4. Church and Labor in Repentance to Christ.
5. Christ must lead the way.

Chapter I—King Midas World.

1. Recognition of *importance of labor* that transforms raw material.
2. Results of recognition of increased importance. Higher wages; patriotic pull.
3. Labor articulate through organization. Knights of Labor, American Federation of Labor, State Federation of Labor, I. W. W., Syndicalism, etc.
4. Reasons for sudden recognition of labor. Stoppage of immigration, the draft, new industries, more foreign trade, etc.
5. *Methods of supplying* labor needs. Government labor exchanges, anti-loading laws, work or fight, different immigration (Mexican, Islands, Negro, Oriental, etc.), women and children, increased machinery.
6. Division between Church and Labor.

Chapter II—City Industries.

1. General background modern industries.
2. Children most unguarded.
3. Results—Physical and mental and moral stunting.
4. Protection through legislation.
 - a. Proper wages for adults.
 - b. Mothers' assistance.
 - c. Readjusted education.
5. Women workers. Why working? Hours, wages, irregular employment, speeding, disease.
6. Protection through legislation. Conditions, hours, wages, etc.
7. Program for help, page 75.

Chapter III—Mountains and Mills.

1. People. Origin, location.
Occupation (old and new invasion and transplanting).
Education (lack and response).
Religion (inherited and newly offered).
2. North and South meeting in cotton mills.
3. New Southern industrial development. Child labor, women labor, wages.
4. Modern feudalism. Incorporated towns needed.
5. Chapter tells story of stationary, unorganized people.
6. Need—Educated Christian leaders.

Chapter IV—Negro Laborers.

1. Problem—What we do with them, and what they do with us?
2. Negro question—National, not sectional.
3. Land question. Involved and unorganized labor.
4. Conditions (South, rural; North, urban).
5. Grievances. Effects on women and children.
6. Need—Educated Christian leaders.

Chapter V—Labor Camps and Mines.

1. Labor Camps. Country wide, almost entirely men, unorganized labor.
 - a. Construction and Ice Camps—Purely temporary.
 - b. Railroad Camps—Construction centers, maintenance and repair points, movable cars.
 - c. Lumber Camps—Forest cutting, forest preservation, saw mill city, lumber working city.
2. Mines—Peripatetic and fixed.
3. Absentee landlordism.
4. Capture of natural resources.
5. Profits great.
6. Danger great to workers.
7. Need—Christian interpretation.
(Both shifting population.)
(Both deal with questions of land and natural resources.)

Chapter VI—The Great Arraignment.

1. Christian reason for study.
2. History of labor.
3. Land and labor.
4. Agriculture—Land ownership (study land question, single tax, etc.), natural resources, conservation.
5. Industrial labor on products of land. Ownership of tools, access to raw material.
6. Industrial revolution—Power machinery, etc.
7. Modern organization of labor.
8. Relationship between wages and profits? Theory of Stewardship of wealth.
9. Outcome to be sought—Christian movement to secure a square deal for all the people of the world as they labor together.

Letter from Mrs. Harris.

This old world is undergoing some mighty changes. Traditions are being thrown to the winds. Things are moving pretty fast. Who stands in the way of progress these days is very likely to be brushed aside, stepped on and forgotten. In these stirring times it is vitally necessary for us Women of the Reformed Church to take stock of ourselves, our work, our methods, of our entire business. If we are still running along as we did one year ago, we are—*just one year behind the times*. We must be *up and a-doing* these days.

The members of other Christian communities and missionary societies who read our reports are better judges of us than we are ourselves. Some one has said: "If ever the world sees a time when the women shall come to-

gether purely and solely for the benefit of mankind, they will create a power such as the world has never known."

It is good to see the wonderful amount of work the women have done the past three years. It gives a comfortable assurance that women are awake and alive to the responsibilities of the hour. Oh, how we slept in our satisfied, ignorant slothfulness in those dark ages before the war!

But we are preparing now. Alert and ready to answer the call, the Church is mobilizing now for the leadership she has been called to assume. The Reformed Church is never in the van. Are the Women of the Reformed Church ready to accept their *full share* of the work?

Are we prepared to face the problems of the future with that steadfastness of purpose

and smiling countenances that will bring success?

Are we ready to co-operate with Him in all His good plans for the world?

I believe we are ready.

BERTHA C. HARRIS.

August 1, 115 Wagner Road, Morgantown, W. Va.

Summer Conferences Are Worth While.

IN trying to tell of the best things seen and heard at a missionary conference as strong as the one held at Frederick, Md., at Hood College, one is overwhelmed with thoughts and impressions received there, and yet when it is all sifted down the big idea left in one's mind is service to God with a world vision. We found it in the Mission Study classes, in the sermons, in the prayers and in all the serious conversation. We were told that this war, the greatest catastrophe the world has ever known, is furnishing the greatest opportunity for service in history—service of all kinds.

A wide interpretation was given to the term missions, all the work of the Church at home and abroad, for supporting only Home Missions is like subscribing only to Liberty Loan—a loan which helps our own country and improves our own environment, whereas Foreign Missions is like giving to the Red Cross, a free gift with no expectation of personal reward, but unconsciously reaping benefits an hundred fold.

The Hood College Conference, following soon after the Wilson College Conference, impressed very strongly on my mind the value of such gatherings, the one denominational, the other interdenominational. It was a great inspiration to meet personally the leaders of our Church and to learn of the work and the responsibilities laid upon the Reformed Church, but no less interesting was it to hear of the great things done by other denominations, this wider vision only helped to give us a broader outlook for our own work.

(MISS) RUTH GILLAN.

Chambersburg, Pa.

W. M. S. of Pittsburgh Synod Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsburgh Synod will be held in the Trinity Reformed Church, Wilkensburg, Pa., Wednesday and Thursday, September 25th and 26th. The first session will be at 1 P. M. Wednesday.

Credential blanks should be forwarded promptly to Mrs. C. M. Gates, 621 Florence

avenue, Avalon, Pa. Delegates desiring entertainment should send their names to Mrs. Charles Spurling, 1009 Penn avenue, Wilkensburg. Every society in the Synod should be represented at this meeting.

ETTA G. CALLEN,

Yours sincerely,

Corresponding Secretary.

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MRS. ALLEN K. ZARTMAN
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The Thank Offering for 1917-1918. What Shall It Be?

We are approaching the closing weeks of our work in this, the second year of the triennium. Our offering the first year was \$8,823.60. This was \$1,321.84 more than the preceding year.

This amount is most gratifying when taking into consideration it was done in seven months. We can all materially influence the November Thank Offering approaching fast. Much of the success of this year's work rests with the Thank Offering Secretaries, but not all; every missionary worker is responsible.

How much of a gift will the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod place upon the altar in the coming November? With a full twelve months in which to gather our offerings, we have every reason to hope for a much larger gift. 'Tis true there are many calls for help, for sacrifice, and the practice of the strictest economy.

Upon us, the Christian women of this land, rests the responsibility of "Keeping the Home Fires Burning." Our boys are fighting for the greatest cause that ever called for service and sacrifice. Let us see to it that we do our part in this crisis of the world's history.

In all this struggle there is a deep significance in our attitude as Christians, not only to the boys at the front, but to the whole world. We must not falter in our fidelity to the religion we have professed. "The Cross of Christ," not only at the front, but in every land, must be our watchword.

In a recent letter from a dear friend in Scotland, we read these words: "We have been knitting, knitting, knitting for the Red Cross. Now we are knitting, knitting for the children in our mission schools. We dare not allow our missionary work to suffer even though our hearts are burdened and our hands are busy with hospital work for our wounded soldiers." This is the true spirit for each of

us. The Kingdom of Christ must not take a backward step because of our unfaithfulness.

We are solicitous about our Thank Offering for November. Shall it be commensurate with the many mercies that have come to us from our Father? If this be true, we are sure every little box will be crammed and there will be many large personal gifts from hearts that are big with gratitude. Let us remember that with all sacrifice and giving, our fertile acres are bringing forth an abundant harvest; our cities and towns and our magnificent buildings have not been burned; our women and children have not fallen into the hands of a merciless and cruel enemy. They have been safe under the Stars and Stripes. God be praised for this! Is there anything for which we should give God special thanks and a substantial gift as an expression of our gratitude? A thousand times, yes. Let us plan for the greatest service that has ever been held in our churches, a service that will ring true, that will send a thrill of joy and thanksgiving into every heart. Let us have a gift that will be a glorious evidence of our gratitude and love to our Heavenly Father.

The new service has been printed and is ready for distribution. Thank Offering Secretaries, please send for sample copies. Study it. Put your own interpretation and originality into it. Have your decorations in harmony with the thought that you desire to accentuate. If possible, send out invitations to every member of your congregation as well as to friends. Have it definitely understood that every one is invited to give, men and women, young people and children. Have your announcements made in good time. Ask your choir leader to furnish special music that will be appropriate. Work it up! Talk it up! Push it up! Pray it up! Do not be satisfied until you are sure of having a successful service, one that will create a lasting enthusiasm in the great cause of Christian missions, and especially in the part that the Thank Offering Department plays in supporting it.

Copies of the Thank Offering service may be secured for use in congregational societies free of charge by forwarding postage for the mailing of them. Do not be lavish in the number ordered, for the supply now on hand must last for two years. Preserve your copies for use next year.

Temperance in the Bay State.

(Abstract of an address delivered by Mrs. Henry W. Peabody at the Interdenominational Summer School of Missions held at Chambersburg, Pa.)

The address that possibly attracted the closest attention, and excited the greatest enthusiasm was made by Mrs. Peabody. The question that she discussed was the

triumph of temperance in Massachusetts, when the National Amendment to the Constitution was adopted. It was unexpected, because the Bay State is composed largely of a foreign population, and the feeling against ratifying the adoption of the amendment was decidedly strong. There was at the first a hesitancy on the part of the men. In the crisis the women rushed into the fray. First there was formed the finest organization of the womanhood of Massachusetts that had ever been known for any effort looking to the moral uplift of the State, that contained Faneuil Hall and the Bunker Hill monument. This was entered into by women of every class. Representatives of missions, colleges, clubs of every hue and aim, women of the commonest avocations and of the highest and most highly educated, stood shoulder to shoulder determined that nothing should be left undone, till the time had arrived for the casting of the votes for or against the ratification of the amendment. Prominent women from the synagogue, from the cathedral and from every phase of religious life as well as from those circles who do not acknowledge fealty to any religious cult vied with each other in generous rivalry for success. Her challenge was to the women of the Keystone State to rise in their might, organize every hamlet and village, and there should be no doubt about the result in a glorious victory for the manhood and womanhood of your State.

MRS. CONRAD CLEVER.

Outdoor Sports and Pageant.

MRS. FRANK G. HAY.

THE beautiful weather, the lovely location of Wilson College in the midst of beautiful scenery, with its campus dotted with great trees, and the Conococheaque Creek flowing through the grounds, together with the great number of young women, made outdoor sports a real feature of this wonderful conference. There were hikes, tennis tournaments, boating on river and lake,

swimming, baseball, and all sorts of outdoor sports.

On the evening of July 4th the entire assembly were served supper on the lawn. Afterward it was a beautiful sight to witness the games played, and various manoeuvres gone through under the direction of two buglers and soldiers from Camp Colt at Gettysburg on the large college field.

One evening of the conference was delightfully spent with the "The Story of French Protestantism," a pageant setting forth the story of Protestantism since earliest times in France. The story was told by young women dressed in becoming classic costumes. It opens with the first organized Protestants of France, the Waldenses, followers of Peter Waldo, and of the Albigenses, another type of Protestants who sprang up in the Middle Ages in the city of Albi in southern France, near Toulouse.

These Christians separated from the Church of Rome, their motto being "In His Name." Next we are told of the terrible devastation of the Inquisition of Southern France drenched with blood, and devastated by fire. Whole cities were destroyed and the French Protestants scattered far and wide even into Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Bohemia.

The next speaker covers the period of Henry IV, the very Christian King of France, grandson of Marguerite, whose court was a refuge for such men as Le Fevre, Zwingli, Luther, Erasmus and Calvin. Her daughter Jeanne was even more powerful and courageous, dying for her faith at the hands of the Catholics.

The Edict of Nantes was signed in 1598 by the favor of King Henry IV by which full liberty of conscience was given the Huguenots.

Thus there passed before us a picture of early French history to the present time, when the McAll Mission is portrayed. Mr. McAll, an English pastor, and his wife began work in the slums of Paris by distributing tracts. Now their work has grown to vast proportions, preaching Christ and His love. Thousands have been brought to Him. Since

the war their work is even greater, they are laboring among refugees and war orphans. There is a rehabilitation fund, aid for soldiers, and relief for working women. Our money for French war orphans should be sent through the McAll Association. A profitable and pleasant evening can be spent with this pageant, and it is suggested that new societies use it during the year. Copies can be procured from the American McAll Association, 1710 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Akron, O.



MISSION BAND PROGRAM.

October.

SCRIPTURE TOPIC—*Brotherhood.*

Missionary for the month, Dr. Lewis R. Thompson.

Use OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS and *Everyland.*

First Week.

Scripture Reading—Abraham and Lot. Gen. 13: 7-12.

Pray for our work at Ellis Island and the Immigrant.

Learn about our Harbor Mission work.
Study, "Stories of Brotherhood," p. 62-77.
Read about Dr. Thompson first week.

Second Week.

Scripture Reading—David and Jonathan. 1 Sam. 18: 1-5.

Pray for our work among the Jews.
Learn about our Jewish Mission work.
Study "Stories of Brotherhood," p. 79-93.
Read about Dr. Thompson second week.

Third Week.

Scripture Reading—A Brother in Need. Luke 10: 30-37.

Pray for our work among the Indians.
Learn about our Indian work.
Study "Stories of Brotherhood," p. 94-113.
Read about Dr. Thompson third week.

Fourth Week.

Scripture Reading—Bringing a Brother to Jesus. John 1: 35-42.

Pray for our work among the Japanese.
Learn about our Japanese work in San Francisco.

Study "Stories of Brotherhood," p. 114-124, and a general review.

Read about Dr. Thompson fourth week.

For Mission Band Notes and Announcements See Page 388.

Dr. Lewis R. Thompson.

During October we will think of our Medical Missionary over in China, up at Shenchowfu.

First Week.

Dr. Thompson is another of our missionaries whose father was a minister. You remember some other missionaries you have learned about the last year or so who were also brought up in a minister's home? (Leader, see foot-note).^{*} Dr. Thompson was born in Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa., near Collegeville. In order to pay his way through college, he had a job printing plant along the banks of the Perkiomen. He was graduated from Ursinus College in the class of 1900. For a number of years thereafter he continued as the senior member of the firm of Thompson Bros., who printed *The Ursinus Weekly* and the College catalog and other publications. In this way his younger brothers and sisters who were early bereft of their father, were also enabled to get a college education.

Second Week.

Dr. Thompson then decided to take up the study of medicine and completed the course in George Washington University at the capital of our country in 1908. While here he became a member of Grace Reformed Church, where you will remember Col. Theodore Roosevelt attended when President. About this time Dr. Thompson decided to offer himself for foreign Missionary service, upon learning that medical missionaries were greatly needed. Dr. Schick, pastor in Washington at that time, spoke very highly of his ability and especially commended him on earning his way through the medical school by working in the Government printing office.

Third Week.

After his internship in several charitable institutions at Washington, Dr. Thompson practiced for several years in Michigan and Indiana. The Board of Foreign Missions called him into service in 1913 to take charge of the medical work of our splendid hospital at Shenchowfu. A farewell service was held in Trinity Church, Philadelphia, in May, 1913. Together with his family he arrived at his station in September and several days later began the study of the Chinese language with a Chinese teacher. The *Abounding Grace Hospital* (Isn't that a fine name for a hospital?), which had been closed for several years on account of political disturbances, was opened to care for wounded Chinese soldiers who stayed there from February to May, 1916. This was the best kind of Red Cross work and advertised our Mission far and wide, so that the next year 182 patients were treated in the hospital and 3,061 persons were treated in the dispensary, the number of visits being 10,954.



DR. LEWIS R. THOMPSON.

Calls were also made to treat patients in their homes in special instances. In spite of this fine record the age-long superstitions and prejudices of the Chinese are slow in breaking down and hold back the progress of the work.

Fourth Week.

Occasionally Dr. Thompson accompanies the evangelistic missionary on a trip into the country round about. Such a trip was made to Hwa Yuen two years ago, with Rev. Ward Hartman for the purpose of dispensing medicines to the sick people and also in exploring that part of the territory. The trip was successful. Recently Dr. Thompson has begun to give lectures on health and sanitation in the street chapel. The Chinese are in very great need of information along this line. * * * In May of this year the U. S. Consul ordered the wives and children of our missionaries at Shenchowfu to flee for their lives because of the coming of the Southern troops, who were expected at any time. Dr. Thompson accompanied Mrs. Thompson and Lewis, Jr., to a place of safety at Changteh and returned to his post of duty directly.

^{*}(In the order studied since series began in December, 1916, OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.)

Rev. Paul E. Keller, Changsha, China (father was missionary to Chile, S. A.); Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Sendai, Japan; Dr. Christopher Noss, Wakamatsu, Japan; Mrs. William E. Hoy, Yochow, China; Prof. Karl H. Beck, Shenchowfu, and Rev. Edwin H. Beck, Yochow, China, brothers; Rev. Carl D. Kriete, Yama-gata, Japan.

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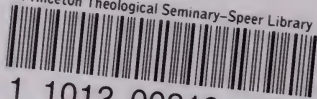
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